

REMARKS

Examiner Wilkens is thanked for the courtesy of the telephone interviews of May 12, 2004 and June 3, 2004. The claims have been amended to clarify the existing distinctions between the Applicant's invention and the cited prior art. Additionally, the changes herein made intend to cure the informalities noted in the Office Action.

The limitation that the "first ledge is larger than the second ledge" is admittedly new to the claims, but finds support in the original application as-filed. Specifically, Drawing Figures 1 and 2 each depict this limitation.

In accord with the discussion during the interview, none of the cited art shows a walker and tray combination including a tray that extends cantileverly from a walker to form a ledge extending outwardly therefrom when the tray is in the primary, horizontal position. Because none of the cited art shows, teaches, or suggests this element, allowance is solicited.

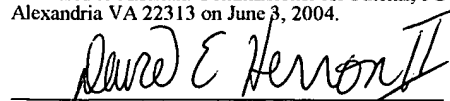
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